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Q. What additional steps are we taking to convey to the Afghans our outrage at the death of Ambassador Dubs?

A. -- As you may know, the President has decided to "severely reduce" our economic assistance program in Afghanistan and to terminate our planned military training program. Only small development assistance projects that are already underway and that address the needs of the least privileged sectors of Afghan society will continue.

-- This decision was the result of an ongoing review of our relations with Afghanistan and the policies the of/Afghan Government. It also takes into account the circumstances surrounding Ambassador Dubs' death.

-- As part of our continuing review of our policies toward Afghanistan and our programs there, we are also taking a careful look at our other activities in Afghanistan.

Q. Do we intend to replace Ambassador Dubs?

A. This is a matter of priority consideration at this time, but no decision has yet been made.

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